

hol vapor. They also say that commercial trails so far made under ordinary farm conditions without cooling, the addition of amyl alcohol to the atmosphere appreciably inhibited sprouting.

## Government

### USDA Publishers Report on Uses for Fats and Oils

The Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture this month published a report on uses of fats and oils in manufacture of detergents and emulsifiers.

The marketing report covers one phase of a study of possible ways of increasing the market outlets for inedible agricultural fats and oils. The utilization of these products by the soap industry has declined in recent years, while the sale of detergents as cleansers to replace soap has increased.

Some use has been made of tallow and grease in the manufacturing of detergents and the report observes that there might be an increased market here if the prices of fats and oils were sufficiently low.

Another potential market for fats is the field of emulsifiers. Nearly all emulsifiers now commercially available contain some derivatives of fats and oils. In addition, these fat derived emulsifiers are finding increasing use in the food industries, especially baking.

Copies of the report, "Detergents, Emulsifiers and Emulsion Products as Market Outlets for Fats and Oils," are available from the Office of Information Services, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Price, 20 cents.

### Recently Appointed Grain Sanitation Committee Meets

The organization meeting of the Advisory Committee on Grain Sanitation was held in Washington, August 11. The members of the committee, appointed jointly by the Departments of Agriculture and Health, Education and Welfare, are supposed to make recommendations for a workable grain sanitation enforcement program.

The committee was appointed as a result of the memorandum of understanding between Secretary Benson and Secretary Hobby which was announced April 6. Under the terms of the agreement the sanitary standards for grain contaminated with insects and rodent filth proposed by the Food and Drug Administration were not to be enforced, but a progressive program for the improvement of sanitary standards would be initiated.

Since April the problem of grain sanitation has been rather indefinite but all interested parties seemed to agree that an investigation of techniques available would be valuable.

In an opening statement to the members of the committee, Mrs. Hobby, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, outlined the responsibilities of her department in regard to grain sanitation. The Food and Drug Administration is an agency of Mrs. Hobby's department. She asked the committee to make recommendations which could form the basis for a sound program that will have the unqualified support of all interested groups, including the public.

Secretary Benson also reminded the committee of the importance of a grain sanitation program. He said, "It is not a question of whether we will have a grain sanitation program. The problem is to work one out that will be practical and in which we will all have confidence."

Charles Glen King, scientific director of the Nutrition Foundation, has been designated chairman of the committee. Three subcommittees were appointed to study the problems associated with education, rodent control, and insect control. These subcommittees will meet again at the call of the chairman to present their recommendations.

## People

### Larner Elected President Of Chemurgic Process Corp.

**Herbert B. Larner** has been elected president of Chemurgic Process Corp., College Point, Long Island, N. Y. He was formerly with M. W. Kellogg Co.



**Joseph L. Brewer** has been appointed manager of the animal feed division of S. B. Penick & Co. He will serve Penick by promoting bulk sales of antibiotics and B complex vitamins for feed and veterinary uses.

**Burton B. Crocker** and **John F. Thompson** have been named assistant chief chemical engineers of Monsanto's phosphate division engineering department.

**Willem Lasthuysen** has accepted a position as flavor chemist with Dodge & Olcott, Inc. A native of Holland, where he was employed Naarden, Mr. Lasthuysen has been with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. since he immigrated to the United States in 1947.

**Walter Jacobs** has been appointed yeast plant superintendent of Charmin Paper Mills, Inc., Green Bay, Wis. He has been with Lake States Yeast Corp. Mr. Jacobs will work on plant design and selection of equipment for the torula yeast plant which will manufacture edible yeast as a poultry feed from spent sulfite liquor. He will be in charge of all production when the plant begins full scale operations late in 1954.

**Charles Dwyer** has joined the flavor department of Dodge & Olcott, Inc., in New York. He has been a flavor chemist with the Philip Chaley organization for eight years.

**C. G. Krieger** has been appointed manager of agricultural chemical sales by Ethyl Corp. He joined the company in 1929 as an agricultural engineer and has been serving as assistant to the general sales manager, in charge of rural marketing and special development work, since 1944.

**J. V. O'Leary**, with CSC since 1927, has been appointed field sales manager for the industrial chemicals and animal nutrition division of Commercial Solvents Corp.



**Joseph D. Campbell** has been appointed horticulturist in the agriculture department of the agricultural chemicals division of Mathieson Chemical Corp. Dr. Campbell has been at the University of Massachusetts.

**Eugene P. Regan** has been appointed assistant chief in charge of regulatory activities for USDA's Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. He has been serving as an assistant leader of the division of plant quarantines.

**V. G. Vashbinder** has been promoted to branch plant manager at Davison Chemical's mixed fertilizer plant at Lansing, Mich. He was formerly assistant branch plant manager and now succeeds **B. C. Manker**, who was made district manager in July.

**Frank Wright**, former extension dairyman at the University of Massachusetts, has been appointed assistant professor of dairy husbandry at the Rutgers University college of agriculture. He will take over the teaching duties of the late John B. Kitchen.

**J. Howard Ellison** has been appointed associate research specialist in vegetable crops at the Rutgers University college of agriculture. He has been at the Riverhead, Long Island, vegetable research farm of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station.